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INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a document cited in the specification of the above-identified application, for example, on page 1 thereof. Also enclosed is an English-language Abstract of this document.

Further enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed document.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-identified application. Clearly, requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(b) are satisfied.

While the document listed on the enclosed Form is not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the discussion in Applicants' specification in connection with the enclosed document,

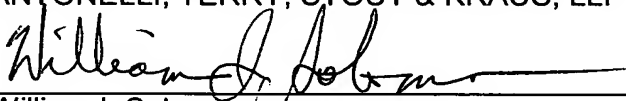
together with the English-language Abstract thereof.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97 and § 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the document listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed document, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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